

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered, at least because they place the application in condition for allowance by cancelling rejected and withdrawn claims, and do not raise any new issues requiring further search or consideration.

Claims 1-3 and 6-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 20 and 21, based on original claim 2, but dependent from allowed claims 4 and 5, respectively, have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 4-5 and 20-21 are now pending.

Allowable subject matter

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 4 and 5 are allowed. New claims 20 and 21 depend, respectively, from claims 4 and 5, and are thus likewise allowable.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Omura and Shiraishi. This rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1-3.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims 1-3 in a continuation application, if desired, whereby cancellation of those claims does not signify agreement with the rejection of those claims.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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